
WELCOME
Back,
BULLDOGS!
FERNANDEZ
ELEMENTARY
GLUE

PARENT AND STUDENT ORIENTATION

2026-2027

FERNANDEZ ELEMENTARY

MEET YOUR ADMIN TEAM

Marissa Barboza
Associate Principal



Rebecca Barraza
Principal

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SAFETY & SECURITY

- Only one point of entry (front office).
- Visitors must sign in with a valid ID.
- If you wish to obtain a Fast Pass, you may obtain one at the front office, with your ID.
    - Fast Passes must be renewed at the begining of each grading period.
- Visitor badges or Fast Pass must be worn at all times while on campus.
- Daily door checks by administration
- NISD PD and Campus Safety Officer

We respectfully ask that all parents must exit the building by 7:40 a.m.,
At that time we will secure the building
for all students and staff.
Includes Head Start parents.

SAFETY & SECURITY

It is important that all our Bulldogs know what to do in case of an emergency.

- Fire drills will be conducted monthly.
- Active Threat Drills (formerly Lock Down Drills) will be conducted several times throughout the school year.
- Other safety drills are conducted throughout the school year to include severe weather, evacuation, tornado, etc.

Student Safety Training

- K-2nd: Guidance Lesson with a Book
- 3rd-5th: Guidance Lesson with Run, Hide, Fight Video
  - Parent notification letter will be sent home
- All students must be trained by August 21st

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ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Arrival

- **Drop Off:** Front of the school
- **Doors open at 7:00 a.m.**
- Breakfast in cafeteria: 7:00 - 7:35.
- Doors will be monitored and all adults will need a Visitor Pass or Fast Pass to enter the building. If you forget your Fast Pass, you will be required to check in at the front office with a valid ID.
- The school will be secured starting at 7:40.
- Breakfast cart for Tardy students at 7:40 a.m.



Dismissal

There are two dismissal areas:
Front Drive: ALE, ECSE, PreK, Kinder, and 1st Grade
Back Bus Loop: 2nd thru 5th Grade
2nd thru 5th grade siblings will join their younger siblings in the front pickup area.

Parent Pick-up (by vehicle): Please have your student's name and iDismiss Tag # visible on the rear-view mirror for our check-in staff.

Parent Walk-Up (Pick-up): Parents may walk to the front walkway on the side of building to pick up their students. Please have your student's name and iDismiss Tag with number available to expedite reuniting you with your student.

*Failure to present iDismiss Tag will result in a delay in your child's dismissal.

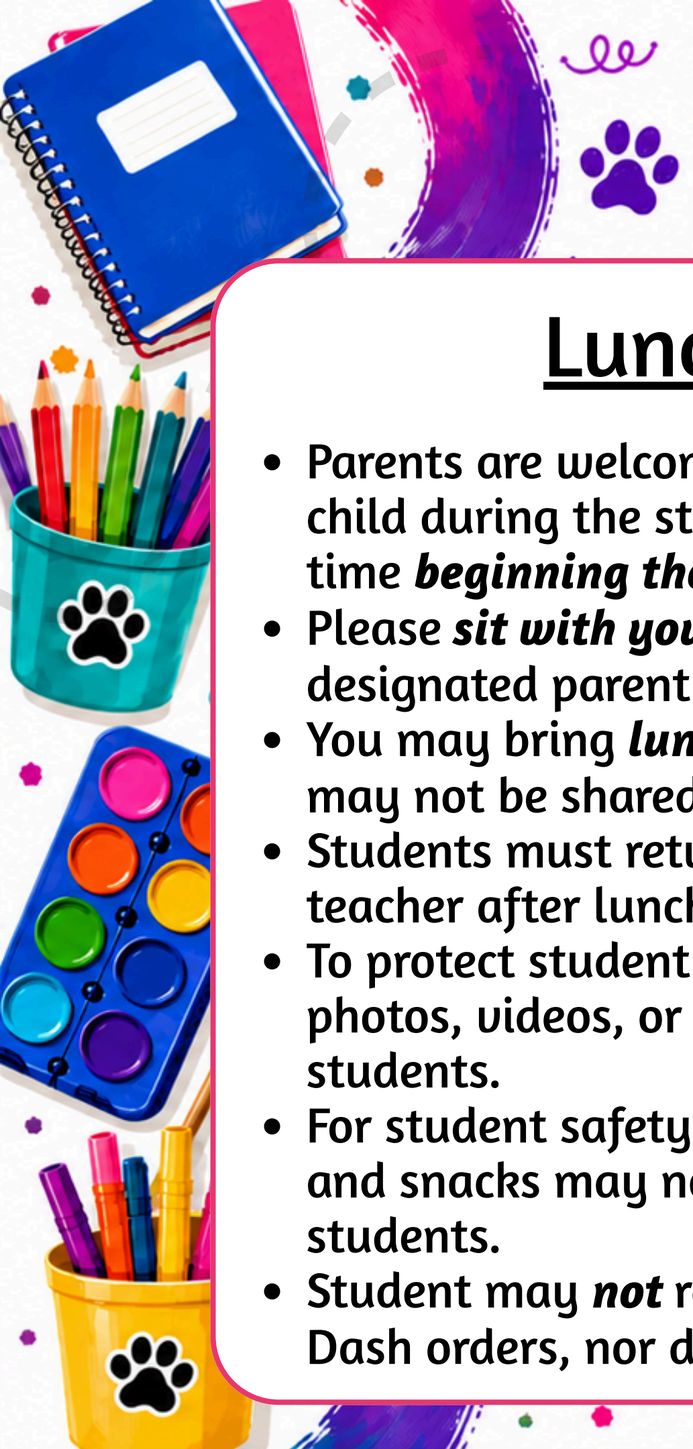
Change of Way Home for Students: If you need to change your child's normal dismissal routine, please call the office no later than 2:30 p.m. This is to ensure that the message reaches the teacher in time for dismissal.

FREE
BREAKFAST & LUNCH THIS YEAR

Fernandez Elementary is a Community Provision Eligibility (CEP) campus. The information you provide will help our campus continue to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to all students.

Please fill out the CEP form using the QR Code, website, or paper form.

We appreciate your continued support.



FOOD: LUNCH & BIRTHDAYS

Lunch Visits

- Parents are welcome to enjoy lunch with their child during the student's scheduled lunch time ***beginning the week of August 17th.***
- Please ***sit with your child only*** at the designated parent table.
- You may bring ***lunch for your child only***; food may not be shared with other students.
- Students must return to class with their teacher after lunch.
- To protect student privacy, please do not take photos, videos, or audio recordings of other students.
- For student safety and allergy awareness, food and snacks may not be shared between students.
- Student may ***not*** receive Uber Eats or Door Dash orders, nor delivery from other parents.

Birthday Celebrations

- We love celebrating our Bulldogs' birthdays with a special pencil and sticker from the front office.
- Families may send non-food items (pencils, erasers, stickers) or ***store-bought, pre-packaged treats for the class.***
- Please deliver treats to the front office.
- Birthday invitations may be distributed only if inviting the entire class, all boys, or all girls.
- Please no flowers, balloons, treat bags, or drinks.
- Contact your child's teacher regarding any food allergies.
- Classroom birthday celebrations will take place 10–15 minutes before dismissal.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Why is attendance so important?

- Every school day counts—regular attendance is essential for student success.
- Missing 10% of the school year (about 17 days) can significantly impact academic achievement.
- Strong attendance helps students build foundational reading and math skills.
- Our campus goal is 95% attendance—we appreciate your partnership in helping every student be present, on time, and ready to learn!

Attendance Incentives

- Campus Monthly Attendance Incentives
  - Dance party, special snack, board games
- Classroom Attendance
  - Stuffy day, extra recess

Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

When should you keep your child home?

- If you child has a fever, is vomiting, has diarrhea, has an eye infection, or a communicable disease.
- Reach out to Nurse Maria.

When can you child return to school?

- Fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication.
- No longer vomiting or having diarrhea for 24 hours.
- No longer contagious or has seen a doctor and has begun taking appropriate medication or has been cleared by a doctor with a doctor's note.

What to do when your child is absent?

- Contact your child's teacher via email, Class Dojo, or call the school.
- If your child is sick, feel free to contact our school nurse.
- Send a doctor or parent's note when your child returns to school.

District Notifications

- Automated calls after 10:00 a.m.
- Attendance Warning Notices at 3 unexcused absences
- Attendance contracts

NISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

NISD ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK

Student Behavior Expectations

- All students are expected to follow the Northside ISD Student Code of Conduct.
- We are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and positive learning environment for all students.
- Behavior concerns are addressed using a progressive discipline approach, starting with redirection, verbal reminders, and parent communication when appropriate.
- We appreciate our partnership with families in helping students make positive choices and be successful at school.

Student Dress & Grooming

- Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- Students should wear safe, closed-toe athletic shoes whenever possible for recess and PE.
- Footwear that is loose-fitting or not securely fastened to the foot is not recommended, as it may not provide the safest support for active school environments.
- Clothing should be appropriate for school and free from distractions. Items such as crop tops, spaghetti straps, oversized clothing, and see-through garments are not permitted.
- If a student is out of dress code, families may be contacted and alternate clothing may be provided.
- Hair should be neat, clean, and follow district dress code expectations.
- Non-conventional hair styles and colored hair (green, pink, blue, purple, etc.) is not allowed, per the district handbook.

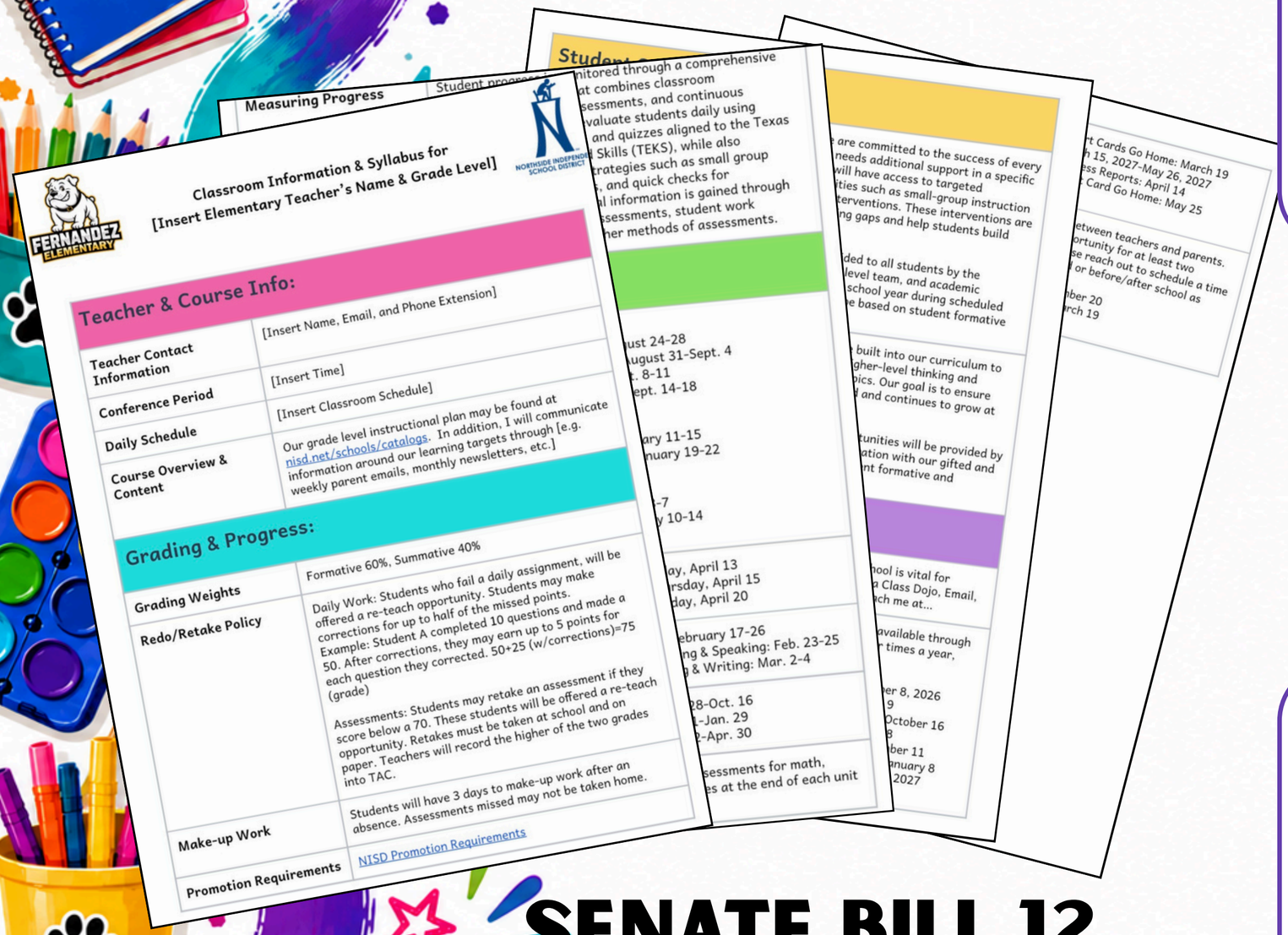
HB 1481 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

All personal communication devices must be kept in backpacks and/or out of sight throughout the instructional day and placed in a designated area (cubbies). This is consistent with our current practice but now includes all communication devices. Personal communication devices include, but not limited to, cell phones, SMART watches, personal tablets, Air Pods and other technology devices.

Texas House Bill 1481, also known as the "Phone-Free Classrooms" bill, mandates that all public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in Texas must implement policies prohibiting students from using personal communication devices, including cell phones, smartwatches, and other devices, during the school day.



CLASSROOM SYLLABUS



SENATE BILL 12

In accordance with HB12, every teacher will provide each family with a Classroom Information and Syllabus.
This will include:
Teacher & Course Info, Grading & Progress, Assessments, Student Support, and Communication.

Grades for ECSE, PreK, and Kinder

Students will be tracked on mastery of key concepts throughout the year.

Grading Scale

- E- Excellent
- S- Satisfactory
- N- Needs Improvement
- U- Unsatisfactory

Class Dojo

ClassDojo

Teachers may not respond during the school day (instructional time). Please call the front office for urgent needs and/or to change your child's end of the day transportation.

AUP & TECHNOLOGY

Student Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

- The agreement to abide by Northside's Acceptable use of the District's Technology Resources policy must be renewed each academic year.
- Any student who does not have a "Yes" response for Acceptable Use **cannot** use a district technology device. However, they will be allowed to use a device for district assessments.



STAAR Testing Dates

We are a **closed campus** on state assessment days. Parents are not able to have lunch with their child on these days. We also encourage you to schedule doctor appointments on another day.

STAAR RLA
Tuesday, April 13, 2026

STAAR Science
Thursday, April 15, 2026

STAAR Math
Tuesday, April 20, 2026

ADDITIONAL CAMPUS INFORMATION

Campus Communication

School Messenger
School and district's primary means of mass communication via phone or email.

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School website
nisd.net/fernandez
to view
Newsletter & Announcements

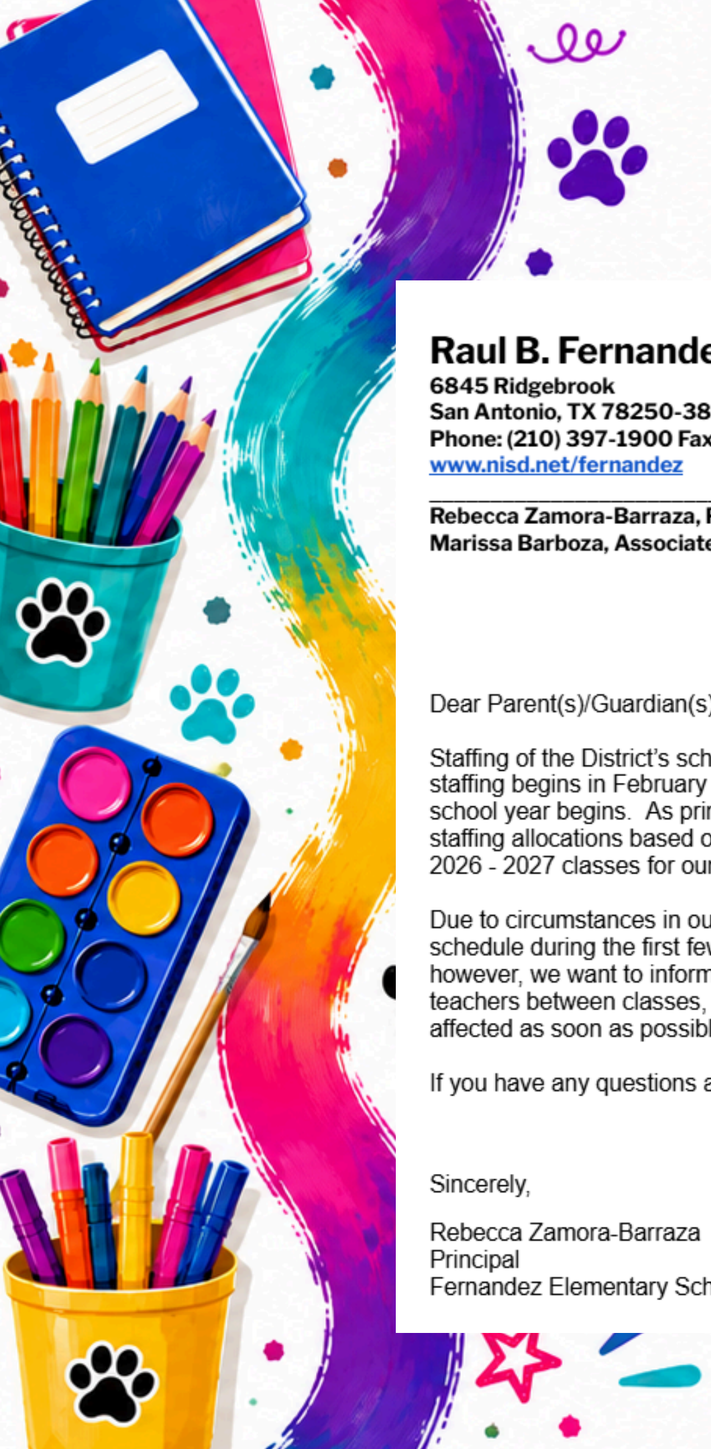
Additional PTA & Campus Events

August 11th ~ Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast
November 11th ~ Veterans Day Ceremony
TBD ~ Kinder Round-Up
TBD ~ Field Day & Walk-A-Paw
TBD ~ Fiesta Parade
May 5th ~ Talent Show
May 12th ~ GT Showcase
May 26th ~ 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

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STAFFING LETTER FYI~



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Rebecca Zamora-Barraza, Principal
Marissa Barboza, Associate Principal

August 10, 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Staffing of the District's schools is based on projected enrollment figures. The process of staffing begins in February preceding each upcoming school year and continues after the school year begins. As principal, I will be working daily with Central Office personnel on staffing allocations based on our most current registration numbers in order to finalize the 2026 - 2027 classes for our students.

Due to circumstances in our current situation, it may be necessary to revise your child's class schedule during the first few weeks of the school year. We will try to avoid this if possible; however, we want to inform you that it might be necessary to consolidate classes and move teachers between classes, grade levels, or schools. We will notify parents whose children are affected as soon as possible.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Zamora-Barraza
Principal
Fernandez Elementary School

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Gifted and talented Parent Information Session in B131 with Ms. Rodriguez GT Specialist

THANK YOU!

VISIT THE PTA TABLE TO PURCHASE YOUR 26-27 PTA MEMBERSHIP ($10) AND A FERNANDEZ SPIRIT SHIRT ($10)

NOW, IT'S TIME TO MEET YOUR TEACHER

3:30-4:30 P.M.



Youth Sizes $12
Adult Sizes $15

PRE-ORDER YOUR

FERNANDEZ SPIRIT SHIRTS

Spirit shirts will be available for pre-order at Parent Orientation and Meet the Teacher.

Quantities are limited, so place your order early to reserve your size!

DELIVERED BY AUGUST 10TH

Celebrate the New School Year in Style!

